

CLAIMS

1. An effervescent granule for use in particulate detergent compositions which comprises

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- (a) a particulate acid source; and
- (b) a particulate carbonate source;

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wherein the ratio of the d₅₀ particle size of the acid source to the carbonate source is from less than 2:1 to greater than 1:1.

2. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the d₅₀ particle size of the acid source to the carbonate source is from 1.9:1 to 1.1:1, preferably from 1.8:1 to 1.2:1.

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3. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granules comprise from 10 wt% to 60 wt%, preferably from 20 wt% to 50 wt%, more preferably from 30 wt% to 40 wt% of the acid source.

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4. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granules comprise from 20 to 80 wt%, preferably from 30 to 60 wt%, more preferably from 40 to 50 wt% of the carbonate source.

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5. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granule comprises at from 50 to 100 wt%, preferably from 60 to 99 wt%, more preferably from

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70 to 95 wt%, most preferably from 80 to 90 wt%, of the total of the acid source and carbonate source.

- 5 6. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, which is substantially free of alkyl benzene sulphonate surfactant.
7. An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acid source is citric acid.
- 10 8. A laundry detergent composition which comprises from 0.1 to less than 10 wt%, preferably from 0.5 to less than 4 wt%, more preferably from 0.5 to less than 2 wt% of an effervescent granule as claimed in any one of
15 claims 1 to 7.